#### Reasons for U.S. entry into World War I

1. Sinking of the *Lusitania* (May 7, 1915)
   * Why? Shipment of food and ammo to Great Britain on board
   * 1,200 died (128 Americans)
   * Germany replies: “Our bad, we will not do it again”
2. Sinking of the *Sussex* (March 1916)
   * Leads Wilson to take the U.S. to brink of war, demands Germany end unrestricted subwarfare
   * Germany replies: “We will stop unrestricted subwarfare” (promises to “say hello” before sinking – no surprise sinkings)
3. Zimmerman Telegram (February 1917)

* Secret note from Germany to Mexico that was intercepted
* Promised Mexico the American Southwest if they attacked the United States after the U.S. declared war on Germany (help help!)

1. Russian Revolution (March 1917)
   * V.I. Lenin leds revolution in Russia (sponsored by Germany)
   * Russia gets rid of Czar, becomes Communist, leaves WWI

##### **Woodrow Wilson’s 14 Points – His plan for a “new world order”**

##### **(Italics indicate ignored points)**

1. Open covenants openly arrived at
2. *Freedom of the seas in peace and war*
3. *Removal of economic barriers between nations as far as possible*
4. *Reduction of armaments to needs for domestic safety*
5. *Adjustment of colonial claims with concern for the wishes and interests of the inhabitants as well as for the titles of rival claimants.*
6. Evacuation and general restoration of conquered territories in Russia
7. Preservation of Belgian sovereignty
8. Settlement of the Alsace-Lorraine question
9. *Redrawing of Italian frontiers according to nationalities*
10. *The division of Austria-Hungary in conformance to its nationalities*
11. The redrawing of Balkan boundaries with reference to historically established allegiance and nationalities
12. Turkish control only of their own peoples and freedom of navigation through the Dardanelles
13. The establishment of an independent Poland with access to the sea.
14. Create a general association of nations under specific covenants

